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Please replace the indicated paragraphs with the following replacement paragraphs.

At page 1, immediately following the Title of the Invention please insert the following paragraph:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 national phase application of PCT/US05/011269 (WO 2005/099374), filed on April 5, 2005, entitled "Method and Apparatus for the Surgical Treatment of Congestive Heart Failure," which application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/559,843, filed April 5, 2004, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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